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Kind Named Vice Chair of Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus

Exclusive Leadership Position in Largest Bipartisan Caucus in Congress

Washington, DC – Recognized for his leadership in promoting sportsmen and conservation issues, U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) has been named Vice Chair of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC). CSC works to protect the interests of hunters, anglers and trappers throughout the country by ensuring that our outdoor traditions remain an important part of nation's heritage.

"Here in Wisconsin we live in one of the most beautiful places in the country, and we are particularly fortunate to enjoy the wonders of nature through our hunting and fishing traditions," stated Rep. Kind. "While the politics of Washington often seems far removed from our favorite hunting grounds or fishing holes in the state, I understand that elected officials have a direct impact on sportsmen's ability to enjoy the great outdoors. Since my election to Congress, I have been proud to promote and protect Wisconsin's hunting and fishing traditions in our nation's capital."

The CSC is the largest bipartisan Congressional caucus with more than 300 members in the U.S. House of Representatives and 50 in the U.S. Senate. The active leadership of the CSC includes a Democrat and Republican chair and vice chair in the House and the Senate. The Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus plans to be active on several major issues in the 109th Congress, including Rep. Kind's legislation to simplify the purchasing of electronic federal duck stamps on the internet in order to give hunters living in rural areas a convenient way of obtaining their stamps. Other priority initiatives for the caucus that Rep. Kind has been a leader on include land conservation and "Open Fields" legislation. For more information on these and other priorities please visit the outdoors issues page on Congressman Kind's website: http://www.house.gov/kind/issues_outdoors.shtml

"Growing up in western Wisconsin, I have a deep-seated love for the outdoors and enjoy hunting and fishing with my two little boys, whose company in the duck blind and in the deer stand is the ultimate experience for me," stated Kind. "I hope to pass on the wonders of outdoor recreation to them, and that is why I am so honored to accept this new leadership position."

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“Congressman Kind has continually been an advocate for sportsmen through his leadership on resource and conservation initiatives,” stated Jeff Crane, Policy Director for the Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation. “From his hard work encouraging private land conservation through the Farm Bill to his support for Chronic Wasting Disease research and monitoring, Rep. Kind is always looking out for the interests of hunters and anglers. We are very pleased that he will be joining the leadership of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus as a Vice Chairman.”

In addition to being a leader in the CSC, Ducks Unlimited, and the National Wild Turkey Foundation in Washington, Rep. Kind is active in the Badger Sportsmen's Club and the Ettrick Rod & Gun Club in Wisconsin. Over the last three years, Rep. Kind led the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus' Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Taskforce to ensure Congress and the federal government became a meaningful partner in containing and eradicating the disease.

JPG images of Rep. Kind in the outdoors are available on his website in the photo gallery:
www.house.gov/kind.